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SUBJ: LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS: THE WINNERS IN AN GIANG

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1. REFTEL REPORTED ON THE CANDIDATES FOR THE FOUR LOWER HOUSE SEATS FROM AN GIANG.

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2. THE WINNERS:
A. TRAN THI HOA, 43, 54,624 VOTES. SECOND WIFE OF DECEASED HOA HAO GENERAL BA CUT. HAS ONLY PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION BUT IS KNOWN FOR SPEAKING HER MIND. SHE WAS ONLY AN GIANG CANDIDATE TO USE THREE STAR HOA HA SYMBOL WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN HER ELECTION.

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SHE WAS ALSO REPORTEDLY SUPPORTED BY HOA HAO GENERAL AND VETERANS' ASSOCIATION LEADER, LAM THANH NGUYEN AND HOA HAO CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LEADER VAN PHU.
B. DOAN VAN CUONG, 47, 26,971 VOTES. LT COL. ARVN. UNTIL AUGUST WAS PROVINCE CHIEF OF KIEN PHONG. PERHAPS DUE TO ILLNESS HE LATER APPEARED LETHARGIC AND INEFFECTIVE. CUONG RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM HOA HAO VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS AND IS SAID TO HAVE SPENT MUCH MONEY IN HIS CAMPAIGN. CUONG IS INTELLIGENT AND MAY MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO ASSEMBLY IF HEALTH PERMITS. SUPPORTS THIEU AND KY.
C. NGUYEN VAN HUE, 51, 22,973 VOTES. BORN IN

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AN GIANG AND LONG ACTIVE IN HOA HAO POLITICS. FORMER HOA HAO ARMY COLONEL. CHAIRMAN OF AN GIANG HOA HAO COMMITTEE AND PROVINCIAL COUNCIL. SUPPORTED THIEU AND KY IN LAST ELECTION. SUPPORTED BY CONTENDER FOR HOA HAO CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP, LT. COL. TRAN VAN TUOI. HUE REPORTEDLY SPENT MUCH MONEY IN CAMPAIGN AND WAS CANDIDATE MOST BITTERLY CRITICIZED FOR ALLEGED CORRUPT ACTIVITIES. HUE IS AN ASTUTE OLD GUARD HOA HAO POLITICIAN OF THE "WAR LORD" TYPE. HE HAS BEEN A SUPPORTER OF NGUYEN CAO KY.
D. MA XAI, 30 21,468 VOTES. ARVN LT. AND DOCTOR AT LONG XUYEN MILITARY HOSPITAL. CLAIMS HE IS HOA HAO BUT HOA HAO CANDIDATES CLAIM HE IS CATHOLIC. BELIEVED SUPPORTED BY HOA HAO NATIOAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTY LE PHUOC SANG. HIS WIFE IS CATHOLIC AND MA XAI PROBABLY GOT CATHOLIC VOTE. ONLY AN GIANG CANDIDATE WITH UNIVERSITY EDUCATION. BUNKER

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